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A. In course visits London, Paris and Bonn during past week Secretary discussed Berlin contingency planning with British, French and Germans and presented US views re action which should be taken in event GDR personnel substituted for Soviets at checkpoints. British, French and Germans were receptive these views and, as Secretary stated publicly yesterday (February 9) on return to Washington, we are in general agreement as to procedures we shall follow if physical means are invoked to interfere with our access rights.

B. FYI US conception of action to be taken is as follows:

1. If Soviets withdraw from functions they have heretofore exercised in connection with movements of Western occupying powers to and from Berlin, Three Powers should not acquiesce in substitution of GDR officials in performance of those functions. No stamping of papers or inspection by GDR

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officials should be permitted. Mere identification of vehicles as those of one of
provided
Three Powers should be ~~given~~ to GDR officials on demand, but such identification
should not be construed as acquiescence in substitution of GDR for Soviet officials.

2. Between now and May 27, Three Powers should take quiet preparatory and
precautionary military measures of a kind which would not create public alarm but
which would be detectable by Soviet intelligence.

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6. Concurrently with development foregoing, Three Powers should continue their efforts to bring about Foreign Ministers' meeting with USSR on the various aspects of German question by early May. These talks might provide cover which would facilitate modification or indefinite postponement by USSR of its QUOTE ultimatum UNQUOTE re Western Allied access to Berlin.

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D. Embassy will note necessity of reviewing provisional instructions already agreed upon to assure conformity with above. We shall send further instructions this point.

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